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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: : Confirmation No.: 8656  
HING et al. : Group Art Unit: 1731  
Serial No.: 09/787,922 : Examiner: C. Fiorilla  
Filed: June 13, 2001 : Docket No.: HING3001/REF  
For: FOAMED CERAMICS : Customer No.: 23364

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Official Action of May 2, 2006, in connection with the above identified application. The amendment is timely filed.

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